

October 24, 2004

**TWO LOCAL MEN CHARGED WITH
POSSESSING STOLEN MAIL**

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, together with ANITA L. DAVISON, Postal Inspector-in-Charge of the Chicago Office of the United States Postal Service, today made the following announcement:

Yesterday evening, **EDWIN A. KRUSEY, JR.**, 23 (DOB: 11/15/80), Rockford, and **SHAWN M. TULLEY**, 23 (DOB: 12/1/80), Loves Park, were arrested in Rockford by United States Postal Inspectors and charged with possessing stolen first-class mail on October 23, 2004.

A complaint filed today in federal court in Rockford alleges that on October 23, 2004, Krusey was driving a truck for a mail contractor for the Postal Service, and was accompanied by Tulley. According to the complaint, Krusey and Tulley picked up mail at post offices in Chana, Holcomb, Stillman Valley, Davis Junction, Byron, Lindenwood, and Monroe Center, Illinois. The complaint charges that Krusey and Tulley then drove to Rockford where they stopped at a gas station on South Alpine Road. When Tulley got out of the truck and put numerous pieces of opened first class mail in his car, the complaint states, Postal Inspectors arrested both defendants. The complaint notes that Postal Inspectors recovered all of the stolen first-class mail.

Both defendants appeared today before United States Magistrate Judge P. Michael Mahoney in Rockford and were released pending a hearing on bail. That hearing is set for October 26, 2004, at 11:30 a.m.

The charge contained in the complaint carries a maximum possible sentence of 5 years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000, and 2 to 3 years of supervised release, as well as any restitution ordered by the court. The actual sentence would be determined by the United States District Court, guided by the federal Sentencing Guidelines and the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

This case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspectors with the assistance of the Ogle County Sheriff's Department and the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department. The case is being prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorney JOHN G. McKENZIE. Members of the public are reminded that a complaint is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. The defendants are entitled to indictment by a federal grand jury and a fair trial at which the government has the burden of proving each defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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